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Claymont Sept. 15th

My dearest Cousin,

You will scarcely know what to make of my writing so often to you. This is the third letter (and one of those alone was quite sufficient to make you duple in debt) since I have heard from you, but I shall look for a very speedy answer. I told you in my last that I was going to Lancaster on Thursday, and it is to that piece of most information that you are indebted for this scrap. I was afraid you would write me, and write as I told you, and I would miss your letter. I did start for Lancaster as I intended, and got as far as the city, but found a note at Mr. Buff's for me from Mother, saying that

I must not come, as she intended leaving on Friday. Instead of going I stayed overnight with Lou, and went out the next day to Aunt Kate's. Mother came that evening, and looks so fat that I could scarcely believe it was the same Mother of a year ago. She is perfectly enormous, and seems so much better spirits than when she left the "Glenn". She asked me the first thing, why you had never written to her, and was quite surprised when I told her you had done so, within a week after the receipt of her letter. She has some prospect of opening a school in Lancaster this winter but is yet undecided. I can tell you very little as yet about her plans. For I came down on Saturday afternoon, and we had but little time for conversation. I

am going up tomorrow morning to
stay a week with her, and on my
return will write a more satis-
-factory letter to you; that is pro-
-vided I hear from you in the
meantime, for I should not like
to credit your beyond what you
were able to pay immediately. Credit
is out of fashion, in these hard
times. I really have nothing
to say that will interest you,
but my short visit to town was
very stupid. I had no luggage
with me, and floundered about in
your dress, the fit of which was
not appreciated, and in addition
to this drawback it rained all
the time I was there. The Shops
are swarming round with bargains
of all descriptions; Kid garments
at 25-cs, is but one of the
least of them. Mary and
Mr. Hatchkins are going up to

Louis tomorrow to stay over night.
 Sallie is going up also, and in
 the afternoon is going to a friend's
 in Chester County. He spends a couple
 of weeks, so it will be quite deserted
 here for a little while.

I am making a Gown
 Suit for Mary, and as she wants
 it to take with her in the morning
 I must be off and finish it, so
 must close. Give much love and
 kind regards to your Mother & all,
 and with best love to yourself,
 I remain

Your unchanged & unchanged
 Cousin

A. C. Barton.